



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Thomas R. Birchard ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
Serial No. 09/718,004 ) Examiner: Colaianni, Michael  
Filed: 11/21/2000 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
FORMING GLASS COILED TUBE )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patent  
Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that action by Patent and Trademark Office be suspended on the above identified application for a period of three months.

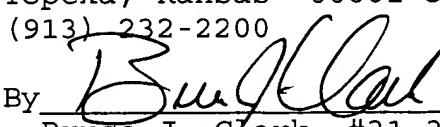
The reason for this request is that counsel has been unable to locate the applicant so as to finalize drawings and complete the payment of issue fees.

A check to cover the required fee (37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully request that this request for suspension fo action be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 12/26/03

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